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**MACEO, KENTUCKY, MAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION
OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment April 4, 2007 against Rick Myatt, age 49, of Maceo, Kentucky, with distribution and possession of child pornography, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

The Indictment charges that on or about January 16, 2005, Myatt distributed material that contained child pornography. The Indictment further charges that on or about May 22, 2006 and on or about June 12, 2006, Myatt knowingly possessed material that contained images of child pornography.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 40 years imprisonment, a \$750,000 fine, and supervised release for life.

Myatt is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on April 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify

and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ann Claire Phillips, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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